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Dear Deidre

Thank you for your emails of 6 November and 10 December 2013 regarding a ban on asbestos.

An inventory is necessary to identify what kinds of asbestos containing materials (ACMs) are being imported into New Zealand. Until this work is completed a ban on ACMs would be ineffective. As you have noted, some products claiming to be asbestos-free may contain the substance and it is not possible to test every individual product entering the country. If restrictions were imposed, enforcement agencies would need to be aware of the types of products likely to contain asbestos, so that these could be checked more thoroughly. The inventory will provide me with this information.

Officials have begun preliminary work on the inventory and expect it to be completed by the middle of 2014.

Yours sincerely



Hon Amy Adams

Minister for the Environment